

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	ANDREW ET AL.	Examiner:	R. DEBERRY
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Title:	WNT-REGULATED CYTOKINE-LIKE POLYPEPTIDE AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME		

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 4, 2006. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group V (claims 19 and 38) for prosecution in the instant application with traverse.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement with respect to Group IV, including claims 18 and 37. Applicants submit that the Examiner has failed to establish that the search of these two groups of claims would be unduly burdensome as they are classified in the same class. Moreover, a search of detecting the nucleic acid of claims 19 and 38 may also include references relating to detection of a polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid.

Applicants submit this response is timely submitted as the 1-month due date for responding was June 4, 2006. Applicants are submitting this response on the next business day, Monday June 5, 2006. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

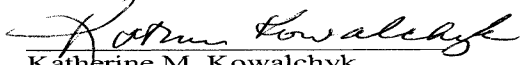
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